

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0027 on page 4 with the following amended paragraph.

[0027] In a preferred embodiment, the thread 3 is a multipath, preferably a double path thread (double thread) where each thread path of the thread 3 at the frontal thread end 4 comprises a blade-type (knife-like) element 5 that may be sickle-shaped with a convexly curved cutting edge 6 disposed between the core 10 and the tip 19 of the threaded section 3. At the tip 19 of the threaded section 3, the cutting edge 6 changes over with a local cutting angle γ' into the enveloping surface of the threaded section 3. Since the cutting edge 6 has a spiral shape, the cutting angle γ' varies between the tangent $[[16]]$ at the cutting edge 6 and the tangent $[[17]]$ of a circle, concentric with the longitudinal axis 2 between the core 10 and the tip 19 of the threaded section. The configuration of the knife-like element 5 is such, that the cutting edge 6 encloses a sector angle α between two radial straight lines 22, 23.